

Committee for Purchase from People  
Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled  
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Re: Docket No. 2004-01-01; Governance Standards for Central nonprofit  
Agencies and Nonprofit Agencies Participating in the Javits-Wagner-  
O'Day Program Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for  
Comments; 69 Fed. Reg. 65395 (November 12, 2004)

Dear Sir or Madam:

**Where are the Ghosts of Christmas Past when you need them?**

As reported in the La Crosse Tribune, December 21, 2004,

ORC paid Barnard \$375,000 last year, though the year before she received an additional \$250,000 for signing a three-year non-compete agreement. ORC's board also has set up a \$1.1 million deferred compensation account for Barnard.

The La Crosse Coalition for Peace and Justice would like to go on record in favor of the proposed regulations which would result in a cap on executive salaries at non-profit agencies participating in the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program.

For executive to obtain this kind of personal profit off the labor of the blind and disabled is morally repugnant and obscene. What is really incredible is that these executives actually believe that they are entitled to this kind of compensation.

Many of these disabled laborers work for less than the minimum wage. Scrooge is alive and well in La Crosse, Wisconsin as well as in other cities across the United States.

If these executives can't get by on \$207,000 a year let them look for employment elsewhere.

As a federal agency with oversight of non-profits who employ the blind and the severely disabled we ask that you stand up to this overwhelming and obscene greed which has taken over at many of our nation's not-for-profit companies.

Sincerely,

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